

## Law Enforcement (FINAL)

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### ITEM 1. Proposed Project

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT

#### GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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As the Public Lands the BFO manages are situated between the two large population centers of Los Angeles and Las Vegas, the amount of visitation to its five designated OHV areas and other Public Lands is significant. This large recreational use of Public Lands results in a high demand for law enforcement services and patrol on those Public Lands.

This grant will support law enforcement and search and rescue activities at Dumont Dunes OHV Recreation Area, Johnson and Stoddard Valley OHV Recreation Areas, and El Mirage OHV Recreation Area, Rasor OHV Recreation Area, BFO restoration areas, and in several rural "hot spots" where the public has raised significant attention as a result of increased OHV activity. The BFO law enforcement staff's mission is to both ensure protection of visitors at OHV recreation areas and to protect the natural resources of the Public Lands.

This project will show the following benefits:

1. A reduction in resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts.

The BFO LE grant request will provide for Ranger patrol throughout the designated Desert Wildlife Management Areas (DWMA). The dissemination of information regarding environmental awareness and responsible use is a fundamental part of each ranger's duties.

2. A reduction of intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property.

All BFO Rangers routinely patrol the boundaries of the wilderness areas within their patrol sectors. Rangers focus on wilderness patrol during peak use periods adjacent to OHV high-use areas.

3. A reduction in conflict between various recreation interests.

BFO Rangers routinely direct and encourage recreationists to recreational opportunities appropriate for their use. By doing so OHV recreationists are directed away from wilderness and other restricted areas.

4. A reduction in OHV state and federal law violations which include but are not limited to the following:

**Spark Arresters:** Ensuring compliance with spark arrester regulations is an ongoing effort in the BFO. By establishing occasional checkpoints at primary access routes into OHV recreation areas it is expected that the detection of violations and rate of compliance will increase.

**Registration:** It is a standard practice to visually check for proper registration whenever visiting a campsite or when contacting OHV operators. Law enforcement continues to increase emphasis on out-of-state permit compliance and education.

**Noise:** The BFO has received sound testing equipment and most officers have been trained in its use. Sound level testing has begun with an emphasis on increasing public awareness.

**Damage to Resources:** The BFO continues to place primary emphasis on monitoring routes inside and outside of OHV recreation areas. Monitoring for OHV impact is a priority every day for all staff in the field, not just law enforcement. The BFO makes every effort to prosecute violators who operate OHVs off route or in closed areas, or create undue resource

damage.

Trespass: BFO places a priority on reducing trespass on private lands in and adjacent to OHV recreation areas.

DUI: In order to be proactive in the area of preventing OHV operators from driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs (DUI) law enforcement rangers receive training in DUI enforcement and assess all contacts with OHV operators in an attempt to curtail this deadly offense.

5. Increase in availability for search and rescue.

Grant funds will cover costs associated with search and rescue services at each of the five OHV areas within the BFO managed Public Lands. The most significant of these costs are at our Dumont Dunes OHV Area where it is not uncommon to have 20,000 plus visitors on holiday weekends.

6. Ability to perform additional education/outreach.

All BFO Rangers routinely provide educational materials and information to visitors. Additionally, they participate in the development and delivery of the OHV education programs which are offered through the Desert Discovery Center and at Schools.

#### **ITEM 2. Project Coverage**

The Barstow Field Office (BFO) is responsible for managing nearly 2 million acres of land where motorized vehicle travel is limited to existing or designated routes of travel, approximately 631,000 acres of designated wilderness, and approximately 300,000 acres of land within five designated OHV Recreation Areas where motorized vehicle travel is unrestricted. There are approximately 3,500 miles of roads and trails located on Public Lands in the BFO management area.

#### **ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols**

Patrols are conducted daily in the BFO. However, most patrols are scheduled to occur during peak visitation times such as weekends and evenings. Extra staff are assigned to the BFO managed Public Lands during the winter holiday weekends when visitor use at the popular OHV areas drastically increases.

#### **ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel**

The Barstow Field Office will staff 10 law enforcement ranger positions. However, during the winter holiday weekends Bureau of Land Management law enforcement staff from adjacent states will be assigned to patrol the high use areas in the BFO managed Public Lands.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

The BFO includes the following areas which have special designations to protect specific natural values or provide specific recreational opportunities:

Five designated Off Highway Vehicle areas totaling 299,000 acres.

Five designated Wilderness Study Areas totaling 388,000 acres.

Thirty four Areas of Critical Environmental Concern totaling 1,522,000 acres.

Eighteen Wilderness areas totaling 631,000 acres.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

The project is focused on patrol of Public Lands that are either open to OHV use or those that could be significantly impacted by OHV use. In order to sustain OHV recreation in the project area enforcement of OHV laws and regulations is critical to protect natural resources and the visiting public. Without such enforcement degradation of Public Land resources in addition to hazards posed by inappropriate OHV use could result in the restriction of lands which are currently open to OHV use. By enforcing existing restrictions, including state and federal laws in regards to OHV use, public safety and resource protection will be enhanced and motorized access to the Public Lands in the BFO will be preserved.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The BFO works closely with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office's Victorville and Barstow Substations. This cooperation is necessary to ensure adequate staffing at large OHV events and holiday use weekend. Additionally, the relationship is critical to protecting private property in areas where the jurisdiction boundaries are intermeshed with public and private lands.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(Please select Yes or No)

Explain

Applicant does not recover a portion of law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

All BLM Rangers are trained to enforce various state and federal laws as they relate to OHV violations. Rangers are also trained and authorized to enforce all federal laws as they relate to the protection of natural and cultural resources on Public Lands. This training is implemented as new officers are trained as part of the Field Training and Evaluation Program.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:
9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:  
O & M funding is a combination of CA OHV grants, monies collected at those OHV areas that include a fee for use, and agency supplied funding.
11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

## Project Cost Estimate

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| <b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>      | BLM - Barstow Field Office  |   |               |
| <b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>       | Law Enforcement (FINAL)   | <b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b> | G09-01-04-L01 |
| <b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration  |   |               |
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|                         | Line Item                   | Qty    | Rate     | UOM | Grant Request | Match     | Total      |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|----------|-----|---------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>  |                             |        |          |     |               |           |            |
| <b>Program Expenses</b> |                             |        |          |     |               |           |            |
| <b>1</b>                | <b>Staff</b>                |        |          |     |               |           |            |
|                         | Law Enforcement Officers    | 47.000 | 8000.000 | MOS | 278,500.00    | 97,500.00 | 376,000.00 |
| <b>2</b>                | <b>Contracts</b>            |        |          |     |               |           |            |
| <b>3</b>                | <b>Materials / Supplies</b> |        |          |     |               |           |            |

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|------------------------|------------------------|-----|------|-----|---------------|-----------|------------|
| 4                      | Equipment Use Expenses |     |      |     |               |           |            |
| 5                      | Equipment Purchases    |     |      |     |               |           |            |
| 6                      | Others                 |     |      |     |               |           |            |
| 7                      | Indirect Costs         |     |      |     |               |           |            |
| Total Program Expenses |                        |     |      |     | 278,500.00    | 97,500.00 | 376,000.00 |
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| <b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>        |                        |                   |                  |                   |           |
| <b>Program Expenses</b>       |                        |                   |                  |                   |           |
| 1                             | Staff                  | 278,500.00        | 97,500.00        | 376,000.00        |           |
| 2                             | Contracts              | 0.00              | 0.00             | 0.00              |           |
| 3                             | Materials / Supplies   | 0.00              | 0.00             | 0.00              |           |
| 4                             | Equipment Use Expenses | 0.00              | 0.00             | 0.00              |           |
| 5                             | Equipment Purchases    | 0.00              | 0.00             | 0.00              |           |
| 6                             | Others                 | 0.00              | 0.00             | 0.00              |           |
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### ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

#### ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)

#### ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

### ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

### ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

### ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

### ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

### ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

### ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

### ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

### ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

**CEQA/NEPA Attachment**